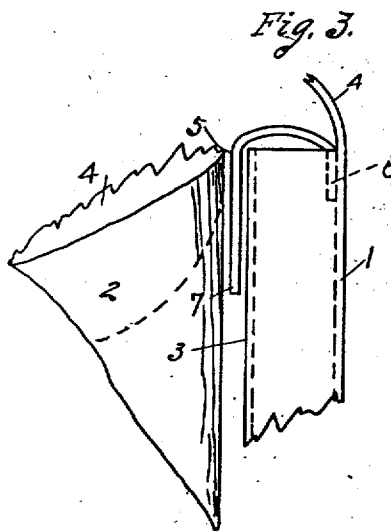
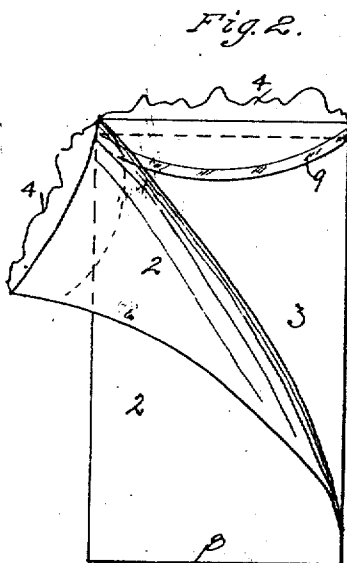
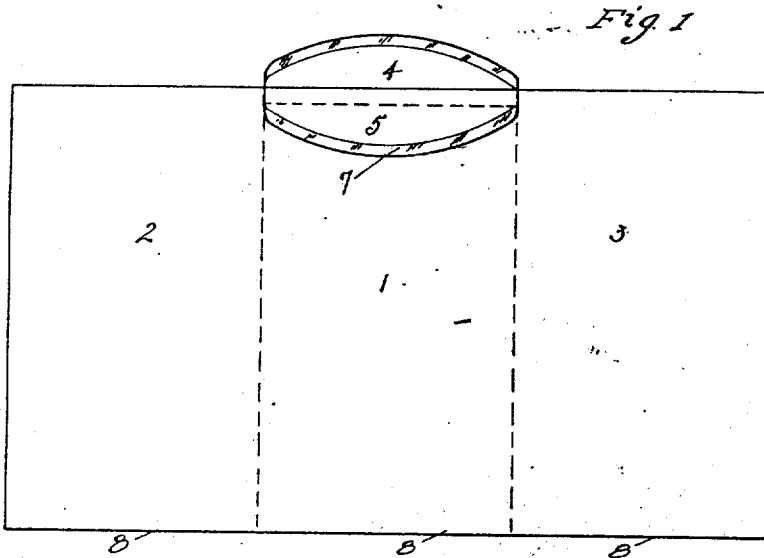


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NEY ANGOOD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Rockport, in the county of Skagit and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Safety-Envelops, of which the following is a full, true, and complete specification.

The principal object of this invention is to provide an envelop for the reception of letters or other documents which, by reason of its novel and peculiar construction, prevents the opening of the envelop by unauthorized persons without detection.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view of the sheet of paper blanked out and ready to be folded, and showing the safety flap. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the finished envelop, partially unsealed. Fig. 3 is an enlarged edgewise fragmentary view of Fig. 2.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, reference sign 1 is the main sheet, the ends 2 and 3 of which are designed to be folded upon the lines as seen in Fig. 2, the end 2 forming a blind flap.

4 is the ordinary gummed sealing flap and preferably integral with the main sheet 1.

5 is the safety flap which is firmly and permanently glued, at 6, to the inner top surface of the sheet 1 and which is gummed along its outer free edge as at 7, best shown in Fig. 3. The bottom edges 8 of the main sheet 1 and of the ends 2 and 3 are permanently joined in the making of the envelop. To insert the letter or other document into the envelop the safety flap 5 is raised and the letter or other document slipped between the main sheet 1 and the folded end 3. The gummed edge 7 of the safety flap 5 is then moistened and the upper edge of the end 2 pressed firmly down thereupon. The gummed edge of the ordinary sealing flap 4 is then moistened and made to adhere to the outer surface of the end 2. If an attempt be now made by an unauthorized person to open the envelop by inserting a knife-blade for instance under that portion of the safety flap 5 indicated at 9 in Fig. 2, the gummed edge of the flap 5 will part from the end 3 for some distance but

will, by the time the approximate middle of the flap 5 is reached, split and leave a portion of its under surface still adhering to the surface of the end 3 and if the use of the knife be continued in the same direction the flap 5 will finally be torn entirely into, at least through its gummed surface, thus leaving unmistakable evidence of the attempt to open the envelop. If now, before the flap 5 has begun to tear, the blade could be inserted under the edge of the flap 5 which is opposite the point indicated at 9 in Fig. 2, the left hand side of the flap 5 could be separated from the surface of the end 3 in the same manner in which the right hand side had been previously parted therefrom, but such insertion of the blade is effectually prevented by the upper left hand corner of the end 2, without tearing or otherwise mutilating the same.

From the foregoing it is believed that the construction and operation of my device will be fully understood by those skilled in the art, and while I have shown a particular form of embodiment of my invention I am aware that changes therein will readily suggest themselves to others without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. I do not therefore desire to be limited to the exact form herein described and shown in the accompanying drawings.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is—

The combination in an envelop of safety means comprising a blind flap of substantially the same size as the main body of the envelop, said blind flap having two of its edges permanently joined to the main body of the envelop and its opposite edges normally free to fold back upon itself, a gummed safety flap adapted to be folded over the mouth of the envelop and pasted to the inner surface of said blind flap, and an ordinary gummed sealing flap adapted to be folded over said blind flap and pasted to the outer surface thereof.

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